



## United States Mondio Ring Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 21, 2017

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Don Lee at 2012 (or 8:12 P.M. CST). A quorum was present.

### Members Present:

President	Donald Lee	Director	Gail Marit
Vice President	Allison Seghetti-Kehoe	Director	Todd Dunlap
Secretary	Michon Mills	Director	Karen Shivers
Treasurer	David Broderick		

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – The July minutes will be approved via Facebook

### Officer Reports

**President** – No report

**Vice President** – No report

**Treasurer** – David reported the following: Wells Fargo – \$35258.37 PayPal \$5192.32 Total: \$40450.59

**Secretary** – Michon reported the following: YTD numbers: 217 members and 26 clubs.

**Director at Large** – No reports

### Committee Reports

**Judge’s Committee** – Judge’s Committee approved an extension to the Judge’s Apprentice Program for Jake Schneider.

- This was approved and granted by the Judge’s Committee to allow a one year extension for Jake Schneider. The Board does not need to vote on this.
- Judges Code of Conduct – Don presented a Code of Conduct to the Judges committee that they are discussing.
- There was extensive discussion about the duration of time and requirements it takes to become a USMRA Judge. Mandatory training requirements for USMRA judges were also discussed. The number of trial requirements per year for each judge and timeframe

between trials being a requirement were also concerns that were addressed. There was discussion about the judge's written test being an open book test and whether being open book measures what the candidate actually knows. The decoys are required to take a test when they do their certification in front of a committee member. This process was suggested for the Judges written test as all BOD members agreed that the test should not be an open book test. It was discussed that attending the Judge's College should be an automatic extension to the program if the candidate attends. Don will take suggestions and concerns to the Judge's Committee.

**Decoy Committee** – Josh McCleary is expired as of 20170420 – Sean Miller and Scott Dunmore are due to expire October 2017. Scott Dunmore has been notified.

Otto Sturm has met the requirements for the Super Selection and has requested to attend.

**Membership Committee** – No report

**AWDF Update** – No report

**FCI Committee** –

Don reported that Dave Kroyer has interest in being on the FCI Committee. Don hasn't been able to get commitments from anyone else.

**Nationals Committee** –

- West Penn and Steel City have submitted to host the 2018 National Championships. Discussion/approval of the hosting club

It was moved by Karen, second by Michon to have West Penn host the 2018 USMRA National Championship. Yes votes: Michon, Karen, Gail, Todd; No votes: Allison, David – The motion carried by Majority vote.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Determine an election committee as the election process begins in October

It was moved by Michon, second by Todd to approve George Manley as the Chair and Roberto Cabero as a member of the USMRA Election Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Evaluate the Status of USMRA Clubs**

- **Discuss/motion for approval of new clubs**
  - Approve name change for Infinite K9 Sports club to NorCal Mondioring Club  
Discussed there is no issue with the name change.
  - Discussed trial status of Amarillo club status  
Don will contact the President of Amarillo to discuss their status

## **New Business**

- Facebook discussions/actions for approval – for documentation purposes

It was moved by Michon, second by Allison to approve Maya Conrad as the 2017 USMRA World Team Captain with the stipulation that she must become a current USMRA member. The motion carried unanimously. 20170727

- Discussion to update the World Team Criteria to include the approved Step-Down Criteria and added verbiage to establish a waiting list based on applicants submitting by the July 15 deadline. Discussion to possibly add verbiage to state that any member forfeiting their World Team position will not be considered for vacant positions during that year.

This was extensively discussed and not decided on. Will need to be discussed further.

- USMRA Yearly Rankings

Gail will be working with George to develop a way to keep rankings for all members based on current year trial scores. The maintenance and upkeep of such a database was discussed. It was suggested that one of the Directors at Large maintain this database but the information would still need to be supplied by the Secretary.

- Discussion to modify the current rule for all dogs requiring a microchip or tattoo for identification purposes to eliminate the OB/OBJ dogs from the requirement.

Discussion ensued and it was decided that the current rule will remain unchanged. All dogs competing in USMRA events are required to have a microchip or tattoo for identification purposes regardless of competition level, including OB/OBJ and Brevet.

## **Member's Concerns** – Any concerns that USMRA Members may have

- Discussion about interactions with members and Board Members on social media
- Trials being held within a close timeframe and location with multiple clubs

It was discussed that clubs holding trials within close proximity to one another and during a close timeframe may cause entry issues for the clubs. Clubs should work with each other to determine what locations and timeframes will produce the most entries for all clubs effected.

Low entry numbers for trials were discussed.

## **Announcements**

Next Regular BOD Meeting – September 18, 2017 at 8:00 PM Central Time

## **Adjournment**

It was moved by Gail, second by Allison to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 23:51 hours (11:51 P.M. CST)

Michon M. Mills

**Approved (Approved as Corrected)  
BOD Electronic approval**

USMRA Secretary

Michon M. Mills  
USMRA Secretary  
October 19, 2017